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SUBJ: GETTY OIL EXPLORATION OFFSHORE CONGO

REF: BRAZZAVILLE 430 (NOTAL)

1. GABON AMB MBAYE TOLD CHARGE JUNE 19 THAT CONGOLESE MFA HAD CONTACTED HIM JUNE 17 TO ADVISE THAT A GETTY SEISMIC VESSEL WAS RETURNING SHORTLY TO CONGOLESE WATERS AND WOULD BE EXPLORING CLOSE TO CONGO/GABON BORDER AT SEA. MFA WANTED TO FOREWARN GOG THAT VESSEL MIGHT STRAY OVER BORDER. MBAYE ASKED CHARGE TO ASSIST IN MAKING SURE THAT IF GETTY-CONTRACTED VESSEL IN FACT DRILLING IN GABON TERRITORIAL SEA, IT IS NOT CONGO WHICH PROFITS THEREFROM.

2. WE INDICATED TO MBAYE THAT GETTY IS, AS HE KNOWS, A PRIVATE AMERICAN COMPANY AND, FOLLOWING JUNE 28 DISCUSSIONS WITH CONGOLESE ENERGY MINISTER ADADA, WERE ABLE TO INFORM MBAYE THAT GETTY'S PLANS FOR OFFSHORE DRILLING HERE MAY CALL FOR PASSAGE OF SEISMIC VESSELS INTO GABONESE TERRITORIAL WATERS, BUT THAT DRILLING
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IS WELL WITHIN CONGOLESE SEAS.

3. FOLLOWING THESE SEISMIC STUDIES, GETTY CONSORTIUM CONTRACTED DISCOVERER SEVEN SEAS, PRESENTLY OFF SPAIN, IS SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO POINTE-NOIRE FROM ITALY, IN DEC.

4. OFFSHORE'S RIG NUMBER 52, FROM NIGERIA, DRILLING FOR
AGIP, HAS ARRIVED POINTE-NOIRE FOR 3-6 MONTHS'
DRILLING. AMCIT FELLER IS IN CHARGE OF OFFSHORE'S
OPERATIONS HERE, BASED IN POINTE-NOIRE.
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